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Autumn Season 1946

**COMMENCING SUNDAY, 20th OCTOBER.
CONCLUDING, SATURDAY, 26th OCTOBER.**

Operas will commence 7.45 p.m. each evening.

LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED UNTIL FIRST INTERVAL

Madam Butterfly

★ **La Boheme**

★ **Martha**

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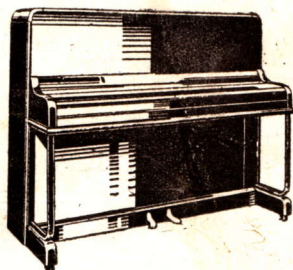
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"Martha"

Opera in Four Acts by Friedrich von Flotow (1812-1883).

Libretto by Friedrich Riese.

First produced, Vienna Opera House, November 25, 1847.

Principal Characters :

Lady Henrietta (Martha), Maid of Honour to Queen Anne (Soprano).

Nancy (Julia), her maid (Contralto).

Lord Tristan, cousin to Lady Henrietta (Bass).

Lionel (later Earl of Derby), young farmer (Tenor).

Plunket, young farmer (Bass).

Time—About 1710.

Place—In and near Richmond.

Overture. Incorporated melodies from the Opera.

Act I, Scene 1—Lady Henrietta, bored with Court life, persuades her foppish cousin, Lord Tristan, to accompany her maid and herself, dressed as servant maids, to the hiring fair at Richmond.

Scene 2—Lionel and Plunket, seeking servants at Richmond Fair, are attracted to Lady Henrietta and Nancy. Despite Lord Tristan the latter hire themselves as Martha and Julia, intending to escape later from the farm.

Act II—The kitchen of the farm-house. Midst complications of the situation Lionel falls in love with Martha and Plunkett with Julia. When the farmers retire, the ladies, aided by Lord Tristan, escape.

Act III—Richmond Forest—a clearing outside a tavern. Lionel and Plunket long to find Martha and Julia. Lady Henrietta and Nancy discover that they, too, miss, the one the courteous Lionel and the other the sturdy Plunket. Lady Henrietta wandering sadly away from the Royal hunt meets Lionel. Her pride of rank masters her love and she denies knowing him.

Act IV, Scene 1—By a ring, always worn by him, and shown to Queen Anne by Plunket, Lionel is found to be the lost heir to the late Earl of Derby. The Queen confirms his title. Martha comes to him as Lady Henrietta but Lionel, unhappy and resenting the trick, does not listen.

Scene 2—Lady Henrietta, Lord Tristan and Plunket reproduce Richmond Fair in Lady Henrietta's gardens. Plunket leads the unwitting and depressed Lionel to this scene. Lady Henreitta appears as Martha, singing "The Last Rose of Summer," with which she charmed him on her first visit to the farm. The spell works, Lionel's love masters his resentment. The two, as also Plunket and Julia, are united.

PRINCIPAL NUMBERS :

The score abounds in light and graceful melody. Outstanding numbers :

Act I, Scene 1—Trio: Lady Henrietta, Lord Tristan, Nancy—"Lady fair and gentle cousin."

Scene 2—Chorus of maid servants: "I can sow, sir, I can mow, sir." Quartet: Henrietta, Nancy, Lionel, Plunket—"See how at us they're looking."

Act II—Spinning Quartet: Martha, Julia, Lionel, Plunket.

Duet: Martha, Lionel—"Kind and gentle is the stranger."

Ballad: Martha (then with Lionel)—" 'Tis the last rose of summer " (Irish folk tune, words by Thomas Moore).

Nocturne: Four principals—"All good angels—now, good-night."

Act III—Drinking Song: Plunket with chorus.

Solo: Lionel—"None so rare, none so fair " (M'appari tutt'amor). Great concerted number: Principals and chorus—"Ah, may Heaven above forgive thee."

Act IV, Scene 1—Aria: Lady Henrietta—"I'll rouse him from his anguish."

Duet: Lionel and Henrietta—"You would deceive me."

Duet: Nancy and Plunket—"What's to do."

Scene 2—Finale: Principals and chorus—"Here are booths." and concerted form of "The last rose of summer."

(John E. Doyle)

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CON

TUESDAY, 22nd OCTOBER and FRIDAY, 25th
OCTOBER, at 7.45 p.m.

“Martha”

(Flotow)

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

Lord Tristan	...	...	...	LEO MAGUIRE
Lionel	} <i>Two Young Farmers</i>			FRANK RYAN
Plunket				DERMOT BROWNER
Lady Henrietta (<i>Martha</i>)	...	...		NORA GRUHN
Nancy (<i>her Waiting Maid</i>)			...	CECILY KENNY
Sheriff	...	...	...	BRENDAN KAVANAGH
1st Man Servant	} <i>Of Lady Henrietta</i>			P. KAVANAGH
2nd „ „				N. C. QUINN
3rd „ „				TOM O'BRIEN
1st Maid Servant	...	...	...	MAUREEN MURPHY
2nd „ „	...	...	...	MAEVE ROBINS
3rd „ „	...	...	...	SHEILA DORAN
Farmer	...	...	...	P. KAVANAGH
Farmer's Wife	...	...	...	WINIFRED WHEATLEY

Serving Maids : Peggy Ryan, Chrystal Jackson, Margaret Tancred,
Eithne Murphy, Eilis Mulvey, Peggy Foley, Roisin Foley,
Eilis Foley, Betty Breen.

Boudoir and Hunting Ladies : Lucy Peelo, Irene Maddison, Sylvia
Whelan, Sheila Doran, Chrystal Jackson, Maeve Robins,
Ada Geoghegan, Angela Murray, May Doyle, Josephine
Kenny, Maura Lane, Sheila Kenny.

Conductor—D. MICHAEL BRIERLEY.

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SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY.

ACT I. SCENE I. Boudoir of Lady Henrietta.
SCENE II. Richmond Market Place.

ACT II. Interior of Plunketts' Farm
House.

ACT III. In the Forest.

ACT IV. SCENE I. Interior of Plunkett's Farm
House.
SCENE II. Lady Henrietta's Park.

Conductor—D. MICHAEL BRIERLEY.

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